First News



March 29, 2023



<u>April 2 - Palm Sunday</u> Just as people in Jerusalem were laying down cloaks and waving palm branches to celebrate Jesus entering the city, our children will be waving palm branches at the beginning of the 11am service. Please meet with Sharon Hertzler at 10:50 Sunday morning in the sanctuary foyer to participate.

<u>April 7 - Good Friday</u> There will be Good Friday services at 7pm to remember and reflect on the night of Christ's death. The English service will be in the Sanctuary and the Hispanic service will be in the Youth Room.

<u>April 9 - Easter Sunday</u> Join us as we celebrate our risen Savior! Please bring flowers to place on the living cross that will be outside near the main sanctuary entrance.



Easter Gathering Fun!

Everyone had a great time at the Children's Easter Gathering this past Sunday afternoon. We had a wonderful turnout with ninety people in attendance coming from several groups within the Children's Ministry: families from Sunday School, Wednesday night KMotion, Mom's Ministry, Hispanic Congregation, and First Baptist Preschool. Mrs Sharon loved that some of the children invited their friends and neighbors to come too! We ate yummy snacks and got to go on an egg hunt. We then assembled Resurrection Eggs from the eggs we had gathered while Mrs Sharon read the story of the real reason we celebrate Easter. Then everyone made Resurrection Rolls which was an interactive object lesson to illustrate the empty tomb, and they were so delicious! All the children went home with goodie bags filled with treats and prizes.

Thank you to everyone who made this event such a success, and a very special thanks to Sharon Hertzler and Rebecca Hinson!



Mission Madness Recap

In the pictures above, you can get a glimpse of what was going on during Mission Madness March 17-19. On Friday night, our youth and volunteers helped get things set up for when approximately 200 participants from Virginia and North Carolina arrived. Several volunteers came together to pack lunches for all of the participants on Saturday. The participants spent half of Saturday packing food for Rise Against Hunger in the Youth Room and the other half of the day working out in the community. Worship was an integral part of Mission Madness and our praise team, Transformed, was a vital component. Thank you again to everyone who made this weekend a successful opportunity for youth to worship and help those in our community!

Upcoming Events

April 2 - Palm Sunday

<u>April 5</u> - No Children, Youth, Adult Bible Studies, or Hispanic Wednesday night activities due to NNPS Spring Break

Individual choir groups will decide whether they will meet.

<u>April 7</u> - Good Friday Services at 7pm (see article above)

April 9 - Easter Sunday

<u>April 10</u> - Easter Monday (Church Office closed)

Work on Sanctuary Roof

As Randy mentioned during worship this past Sunday, the steeple is getting inspected, pressure washed, and painted. In addition, work on replacing the sanctuary roof will begin soon and it will take approximately four and a half days to complete weather permitting. Hopefully, this project will be completed next week due to the availability of the contractor, and due to the preschool being out on Spring Break. Please be mindful that even though the best contractors clean up very well, there still may be a little debris around the outside of the sanctuary.

Baptism

Are you interested in being baptized or learning more about baptism? We have upcoming dates available for baptism at the 8:30am, 11am, and 12:30pm Sunday worship services. Please contact the church office for more information.



You can download our app on your phone, smart TV or Roku player. This will give you the opportunity to get push notifications (notifications that pop up on your phone) that will allow you to stay informed. In the event of bad weather, we will be able to notify everyone if we need to make changes to our Sunday morning services and Bible Study or Wednesday night activities. You can also watch past and present services, see upcoming events, and more. If you need assistance in downloading the app contact Ethan or a member of our Tech Team for help.

New Phones

We are in the process of replacing the phones around the building. Please be aware that the menu options when you call after hours or when the line is busy will sound different. Thank you for your patience!

Weekly Worship Opportunities

Join us for worship in person or online Sunday, April 2 at 8:30am and 11am! Randy Shepley will be leading us in worship. If you have any technical difficulties watching the service on Facebook Live, please send us a direct message on Facebook so we can help troubleshoot the issue. The following is a list of weekly events that can be accessed on the First Baptist Church of Newport News Facebook page. Learn more about children's events on Facebook and youth events on their Instagram page-@fbcnnyouth. The 8:30 and 11 Sunday worship services are streamed directly to our website, and can be accessed by clicking on Sermon Library in the Resources tab.

Sundays

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Children's Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Infant-Preschool Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Youth Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
11:00 a.m. Extended Session - infants
through age 4
12:30 p.m. Hispanic Worship

Mondays

7:00 p.m. Young Single Adults

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. Midweek Café
6:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Adult Spiritual Formation Group
6:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering and
Worship
6:30 p.m. Children's Kmotion (Music,
Missions, and Fun!)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

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Thursdays

10:00 a.m. Swingin' Singers

Thanks to our FBCNN app, we are able to stream our services directly to our website! Click on the link below to watch the service from 8:30 and 11 this past Sunday. (Services are listed in chronological order with the most recent at the top.)

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- Stock contributions: If you wish to give stocks to First Baptist Church, please give the church's name to your broker to process the transaction. If you need more information, please contact Monica Garcia at monica@fbcnn.org or at the church office number.
- **Required Minimum Distributions (RMD):** If you are 70½ or older and have an IRA (Individual Retirement Account), you can make your Charitable Contribution to the Church via your Broker/Banker. The RMD must come directly to the Church from your Broker/Banker. Please contact your Broker/Banker for this option.

"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4

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